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Labor Criticizes Warren Stand on 'Hot Cargo' Bill

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San Francisco, Calif. In refusing to sign the "hot cargo" bill, thus permitting it to become a law without his signature, Governor Warren advanced a number of reasons which, in themselves, make an excellent case for vetoing this measure. That he chose not to do so is keenly disappointing to us in labor.

The Governor stated that it was impossible for him to sign the bill because of his views on its constitutionality. He reaffirmed his previous opinion of the "hot cargo" law, given when he was attorney general, to the effect that, insofar as it restricted the right of peaceful picketing, the measure was of doubtful constitutionality.

CITES COURT RULINGS

Buttressing this opinion, he explained that it was based upon certain decisions rendered by the United States Supreme Court, which placed the right of peaceful picketing within the constitutional guarantee of the right of free speech provided by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In addition to this weighty evidence, the Governor pointed out that both the previous attorney general and the present one have questioned the constitutionality of the act. He noted, furthermore, that the Superior Courts of six counties have held the act unconstitutional in certain fundamental respects.

"UNUSUAL CONCLUSION"

In spite of this overwhelming evidence and his own personal opinion, based on many years of law practice, the Governor reached what we believe to be a very unusual conclusion. Instead of vetoing the measure, he chose to permit it to become a law because, in his opinion, the State Supreme Court would soon rule on it. An additional and not inconsiderable factor was that the people had voted for it in 1942.

It is our firm opinion that the Governor's position and action on this measure should not have been withheld in anticipation of what the Supreme Court may do. Insofar as the vote of the people in 1942 is concerned, we believe it to be of little significance. The "hot cargo" measure they approved in 1942 was to apply to the war period only, and for this reason it is understandable why so many voted for it. There is little doubt in our mind but that it would have been decisively defeated if it had been proposed as a permanent law, just as a measure with similar sinister implications, the so-called "right to work" initiative petition, was emphatically rejected by the people in 1944.

WARREN REPROACHED

We are not interested in placing this issue in the realm of politics, or engaging in a prolonged and useless argument which will not change or mitigate in the slightest the adverse consequences labor will suffer from this law as long as it remains on our statute books. Nevertheless, we feel thoroughly justified in reproaching Governor Warren for not having acted consistently with his convictions by vetoing this measure. It is a bad piece of legislation, and it discriminates against some of the basic rights of the wage earners of this state.

Now that the "hot cargo" bill has become a law, the California State Federation of Labor is more determined than ever to fight it with all of its resources until it is expunged from our statutes. This challenge flung down to the organized labor movement will not be ignored. Labor intends to exercise its legal rights to enforce its aims whenever circumstances make it necessary. No unconstitutional law will stand in the way of labor's fight to attain adequate wages, decent working conditions and job security.

This is our reply to the "hot cargo" law.

Subversive?

The famous Declaration of Independence (1776), according to one U. S. State Dept. official, must be so too radical a document to send to Asiatics. The newsletter, in fact, reports that Chester Chartland, director of cultural relations for Southeast Asia, objected to the Declaration being included in a parcel of literature destined for Nepal, India, saying: "I'm afraid the Declaration is a little too radical for people over there. We'll send only the Constitution." Sometimes one wonders whether it isn't a little too radical for Americans also.—MANTOBA COMMONWEALTH.

Labor Forced On Offensive By Enemies

Washington, D. C. American labor, on the defensive nationally since Pres. Roosevelt's second term, and under attack by the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and other big business groups, may soon be forced to take the offensive.

The defensive role of labor began when the tycoons of industry raised the slogans of "New Deal bureaucracy," of "boondoggling," and "reckless spending" in order to check the enactment of major New Deal legislation after 1938.

'AMERICAN WAY' GAG

Since the end of World War II the hue and cry of the NAM and its allies has increased under the general slogan of "defend free enterprise" and "the American way."

And more recently, the 80th Congress has permitted its major legislation to be sponsored by—and in some cases actually prepared by—the NAM-C. of C. forces. In this classification we find the Taft-Hartley anti-labor bills, the Knutson tax bill (to "encourage venture capital"), the Wolcott rent-housing bill ("Give us a chance to produce homes") and so on.

All of these measures were pressed through on a faked up slogan that the Congress held a "mandate from the people" to "restore individual initiative" and to "curb labor monopolies."

HAMMERING AWAY

With organized labor largely shut out of the press and radio, its job is now to find the weak or soft spots in the highly financed public-relations armor of the trusts and corporations and to hammer away at them, day and night.

In order to counter the attacks of big business, labor must consider that "there is no mandate for government by big business."

Labor's answer might point out that it was "business statesmanship" which led this country to the Hoover depression and crash of 1929, that it was "business statesmanship" that knocked out OPA with the resulting price inflation since June, 1946.

Another sensitive spot in business circles today is the extremely high level of profits. Some corporate spokesmen call them "exceptional," while the New York Times' business writer, C. F. Hughes, calls them "fantastic and scandalous."

Business also has a fear today of returning to the national doghouse, but some of its leaders argue that despite the excessively high profits "it would be foolish not to take what the traffic can bear." This latter quote is from Hughes' column in the Times of May 11, 1947.

Laundry Workers Open Union Drive In King City Area

Laundry Workers and Dry Cleaners Union 258 and 258-B of Salinas announced last week that organization meetings are being held at King City in an effort to bring unionism to the workers in these crafts in this city.

Business Representative J. W. Deer of the unions said he and other officials would attend the organization meetings to explain the advantages of unionism.

Seed Plant Iron Waited

Shipment of iron for use in construction of a new plant for Associated Seed Co. at Gonzalez was awaited this week so that construction might be continued, reported J. B. McGinley, business representative for the building trades council in the Salinas area. The iron was expected shortly, he added.

Courtright Better

E. L. ("Pete") Courtright, secretary of the labor council at Salinas and business representative for Butchers 506 at Salinas, was reported recovered from the sudden illness which kept him at home for a few days recently. Extent of the illness was not reported.

VOTE MONDAY AT SALINAS

City elections will be held at Salinas next Monday, June 2, with the campaigns for the city council heading the slate. Eight candidates seek three city council seats.

J. B. McGinley, business agent for Laborers Union 272 and prominent figure in Salinas civic affairs, active in government agency work during the war, is candidate for city council.

All good residents of Salinas, especially those in labor unions, will be sure to vote next Monday in this important city election.

Still No Wage Prospect for AGC Carpenters

Carpenters who come under the Northern California AGC agreement were discouraged last week-end as the expiration date of the existing contract neared (June 1) with no prospects for a renewal of the agreement with a suitable wage increase.

Negotiators for the State Council of Carpenters were meeting with AGC representatives, trying to arrive at a new wage rate after the unions rejected the 15-cent increase offered, holding out for a \$2 hourly rate through a 25-cent increase.

Work prospects for carpenters here are continuing good, with all members of Local 925 of Salinas employed, according to Business Agent George Harter.

Fish Cannery Negotiating On Machines

Negotiation meetings are being held between the Fish Cannery Workers Union and the employer groups in regard a wage scale for packing machine operators, the reported last week.

Omar Hoskins, federal conciliator, has been called in to assist in the negotiations. It was agreed when machines first were installed that a "trial period" should be allowed, following which the effects of the machines on employment and other conditions would be considered in arriving at a wage rate for operators.

Fishing was somewhat slower last week with some anchovies and some more small sardines brought in, but with the pack far below the previous week, the union reported.

DRY CLEANERS RECOGNIZE SALINAS UNION

Agreement of the Dry Cleaners Association of Salinas to recognize jurisdiction of Dry Cleaners Union 258-B last week resulted in the withdrawal of pickets from the Market Dry Cleaners plant, reports J. W. Deer, union business representative.

The recognition covers the entire dry cleaning industry of Salinas and Allis areas, Deer said. Negotiations for an industry-wide agreement are being started, he added, with assistance of International Representative Lawrence Palacios of the union.

Mother Ill

Frances Dougwell, office secretary of Warehousemen's Union 890 of Salinas, was called to San Jose last Friday morning by the serious illness of her mother. Extent and nature of the illness was not learned.

GOT A ROOM?

All hotel and motel space in Salinas has been reserved for the Rodeo, June 19 through 22, according to the Salinas Chamber of Commerce. Requests continue to come in for rooms, despite the fact that none is available.

Anyone who is willing to rent a spare bedroom to accommodate Rodeo visitors should get in touch with the Chamber of Commerce. Readers of the Monterey County Labor News are urged to help make this year's Rodeo an outstanding one by combating the shortage of rooms.

Phone the Chamber of Commerce if you have an extra room you can rent to the visitors.

J. B. MCGINLEY IN RACE FOR SALINAS CITY BOARD; POLICY STATEMENT GIVEN

J. B. McGinley, business representative for the Salinas area for the Building Trades Council of Monterey County and also business agent for Salinas Laborers Union 272, has announced his program in connection with his candidacy for election to the Salinas city council. Election day is June 2 (next Monday).

McGinley, well known as a civic leader in Salinas, issued the following statement of his policy:

The community hospital project will come before the voters soon, and while I am in favor of it, only my vote as a private citizen will count.

If elected I will do all in my power to:

1. Build an underpass on Alisal Street. This should be a joint project with the Alisal District.

2. Offer Alisal and other non-incorporated adjoining areas the opportunity to join us in building a bigger and better Salinas, and on a basis of fair representation on the Council.

3. Maintain maximum employment opportunities for those who work for a living. This means to encourage new industry to come here; to endeavor to use our present plants to the best advantage; to plan public works for periods of minimum private employment; to co-operate with civic organizations and other governmental agencies to the end that our payrolls are stable and that our citizens are not dependent upon public assistance or private charity.

4. Encourage the building of more homes for all our people. This is a job for private enterprise.

5. Use the USO building for the purpose it was originally built; as a meeting place for ex-servicemen at a rent that is fair and covers maintenance cost only. After our obligation to the veteran is fulfilled, I favor its use by non-profit organizations whose only objective is community betterment and for recreational purposes for all our citizens, especially our youth.

6. Give adequate attention to public health, juvenile delinquency—public morals and other social problems that cost our taxpayers money and detract from good citizenship.

7. Work for a street system that meets all our needs, and insist on planning for the future of Salinas on a long term basis, rather than day-to-day.

I believe that what is good for greater Salinas is good for business, labor and the majority of the people.

I believe the people are entitled to know what its city government is doing and hopes to do. It is their city, not just mine and after all a councilman is a servant of the people.

I am pledged to honesty and frankness with the people. No secret deals or special privilege for any group or class.

I do not believe a city's function is to make money. I believe it should and must spend the taxpayers' money wisely and prudently.

I believe in, and unalterably pledge myself if elected, to work with any person or group which will expedite the growth and increase the economic wealth, and further the well-being of our city. I am for progress—orderly—sensible—well planned—needed progress.

I am entering this campaign as a citizen who sees needed change. I have no axe to grind or anything to sell.

Painters 1104 Place Two Contractors on 'WDP' List

Two spray painting and whitewashing contractors of the Salinas area were declared on the official "We Don't Patronize" list of Painters Union 1104, and of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week, reports Carl Lara, business agent for the painters.

A. H. Samson and M. H. Kerlee, both non-union and both attempting to secure work inside the Salinas city limits, thus competing against contractors under union contract, were declared on the "WDP" list, Lara said.

Both contractors were invited to come before the labor council and explain their position, but both declined to appear, choosing to be listed as "unfair" rather than try to come to terms with the union.

Local 1104 will hold annual elections of officers during June, Bro. Lara reported. First nomination of officers will be at the meeting of Tuesday, June 10, with second

Carpenters 925 Start Annual Election June 3

Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas will begin annual election of officers with first nominations at the meeting of Tuesday, June 3, Business Manager George Harter reports.

Further nominations will be taken at the meeting of June 17, at which time also the election will be held.

All members of Local 925 are urged to attend these two meetings.

Bartenders 483 Begin Election At Monday Meet

Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey will start its election of officers at a meeting of the membership at Bartenders Hall next Monday, June 6, reports Secretary Pearl Robinson.

Nominations will be taken at meetings of June 2 and June 16, with the actual balloting to be on Monday, June 23, she added.

Local 483 has been under direct handling by the international union for several months.

A record turnout was reported for the annual barbecue of bartenders of Local 483 at Big Sur on June 16, the bartenders getting a day off because of city school day elections.

CO-ORDINATORS PLAN CHANGE OF MEETINGS

The Salinas AFL Co-ordinating Committee announced this week that meetings henceforth will be held only two times a month—the second and fourth Wednesday nights. Next meeting therefore is June 11.

At the last meeting of the committee, at Teamsters Union 287 offices, good representation was reported and a good business meeting was held, with the signing of the Bray Electric Co. with the Electricians Union as highlight.

Builders Busy On Ord Project

Building tradesmen in the Monterey area were reported as busy last week as the Fort Ord project continued at full speed. All carpenters were said employed, with need for a few more, and other crafts reported ample job openings on the job of re-converting the barracks at Fort Ord into apartments.

Ernst Plugs Label



Hugo Ernst, General President of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance and Bartenders' International League of America, says:

"When you demand union-made goods and union services you help yourself, you help your fellowman, and you help the advancement of civilization to higher standards and accomplishments."

Profits for Big Industrial Firms In Record Jump

New York City Profits of 149 major industrial firms in the first three months of 1947 averaged 282.7 percent over their profits for the same period in 1946, a Wall Street Journal survey revealed here.

The study, which covered 15 industrial groups and included the largest and most representative companies of industry, showed some profit increases as high as 370 percent, as in the case of 19 iron and steel companies. While this comparison is qualified by the fact that the iron and steel industry was hit by a month-long strike in the first quarter of last year, other industries which were not so affected showed similar huge profit increases.

Seven railway equipment companies, for example, jumped their profit 357.3 percent over last year to stand second highest on the increase list, while 21 building material and equipment firms increased their take by 255.9 percent. Nine pulp and paper products companies managed to boost their profits more than 182 percent, thanks at least in part to a newsprint shortage.

The iron and steel industry's profits totaled \$105,671,881 for the first three months of this year as compared to \$22,462,162 last year. The railway equipment take jumped from \$1,617,804 to \$7,398,731, while the building material and equipment firms made \$29,546,809 compared to last year's \$8,301,672.

No percentage increase was estimated for the auto industry, second highest profit-maker on the list with a take of \$103,393,634, because as a result of strikes and material shortages they suffered a loss of \$38,108,730 in the first quarter of last year.

Anti-Monopoly Decision Still Governs News Distributors

Washington, D. C. A House judiciary subcommittee voted not to approve the Mason bill, which would exempt news gathering agencies from the anti-trust laws and allow them to pick and choose their member-customers.

The measure had been introduced to get around the U. S. supreme court decision in the Associated Press case, in which the high bench ruled that AP could not legally refuse to sell its service to the Chicago Sun.

A Sultry Siren



Amelita Menodina, termed Queen of the South Seas by thousands of GIs who thrilled to her sultry charm in Hawaii, has reached Hollywood. And soon you'll see her on your local movie screen. (Federated Pictures.)

Sure Slavery, Declare 29 Congressmen READ THIS!

A summary of the Hartley Bill given by 29 U. S. Congressmen, listed below.

1. The employer is granted new rights and powers to destroy labor and to substitute individual bargaining for collective bargaining.

2. The employer is given the right to bring anti-trust actions against his employees, to institute criminal prosecutions against them, to sue them for treble damages and to obtain ex parte injunctions without a hearing against them. But the employer's violation of the law is subject merely to a cease and desist order issued after administrative hearing and court review.

3. The employer is granted the right to compel employees to accept a wage cut through forced labor for indefinite periods of time.

4. The employer receives the right to break strikes caused by his own illegal conduct.

5. The employer is granted the right to obtain injunctions against strikes which have been legal for the past 50 years.

6. The employer retains the right to bargain through an employers' association but bargaining through national unions is outlawed.

7. The employer is granted the right to disregard the bargaining agent and to play employees against each other.

8. The employer is granted the right to sit at both sides of the bargaining table by establishing company unions.

9. The employer is granted the right to disregard the bargaining agent and to refuse to bargain about such matters as health and welfare plans, apprentice training programs and speed-up.

10. The employer is given the right to break a strike for recognition even though the union represents an overwhelming majority of the employees.

11. The employer is given the right to outlaw and to crush any strike by hiring strikebreakers even though the strike is caused by his own misconduct.

12. The employer is given the right to cooperate with anti-labor employers in order to destroy unions.

13. The employer is given the right to lockout and blacklist office clerks if they join a union.

14. The employer is given the right to invoke injunctions, treble damage suits and criminal penalties against the employees in one department if they strike against a wage cut in another department.

15. The employer is given the right to instigate criminal prosecutions against individuals who exercise the right to picket.

16. The employer is given the right to prevent the designation of a bargaining agent for a period of years.

17. Spies may be planted in the union ranks by the employer and the union is powerless to expel them.

18. The employer is given the right to grant or deny union security as he wishes; he is not required even to discuss it with the union and he may crush a strike or a threat of strike to obtain it.

19. The employer is given the right to crush any strike when a collective bargaining contract exists even if the strike is caused by an issue not covered by the contract.

20. The employer is given the power to obtain from the government a death warrant for the union of his employees.

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On-Job Accident Rate Shows Increase in '46

Washington, D. C. On-the-job accidents were on the rise in 1946, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, ending a downward trend which had continued for two years. Over two million workers were disabled last year, an increase of two percent over the 1945 total.

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EXCLUSION NO SOLUTION

People who are opposed to letting down the immigration bars for the "riff-raff" of Europe forget that it has been that same "riff-raff" that built up this country. In fact, even the folks who came over in the Mayflower were considered "riff-raff" by the British.

It is easy enough to say: "Keep out the hordes of Europe and Asia to protect our standard of living." But, within reasonable limits, it is not true that a handful of people necessarily have a better standard of living than a lot of people. It all depends on resources and skills and proper social and economic organization to make full use of both.

The United States, Canada, South America and Australia could, during the next generation, absorb 500 million immigrants without reducing wage scales or lowering the general standard of living—IF we kept pace with our technical education and so arranged our economic system that full employment were assured.

It is neither just, nor conducive to permanent world peace, to keep most of the world's inhabitants cooped up 300 to the square mile while others live in vast domains only 30 to the square mile or less. Some day all this will have to be changed. All nationalities, all colors, all creeds have built these United States into the greatest industrial power on earth. It is no accident that the two most powerful nations in the world have large admixtures of Africans, Asiatics, Indians and other non-Anglo-Saxons.

AMERICANOS EXCLUSIVANOS

One of the things about the United States that enrages Latinos from the Rio Grande to Tierra del Fuego is the Yankee habit of monopolizing the word "American." The only original Americans on both continents were Indians, and even the latter were misnamed because early seafarers thought for a time that they had discovered a short route to India.

"Americans" include U. S. Indians and Negroes, Haitian and Puerto Rican Negroes, Argentine Spaniards, Brazilian Portuguese, Canadians of French and British stock, all the gradations of mestizos in Central and South America, Patagonians, Mexicanos, all the descendants of Aztecs and Mayans, Eskimos of the Far North, the tens of millions whose parents came over in the Mayflower.

Even the name "American" is not indigenous for it comes from *Amerigo Vespucci*, who was an Italian.

When visitors from the United States go to Europe, the formula for recognition of an "American" is a creature definitely Nordic, speaking English, with a careless, cocky air, lavish with tourist tips, and in a position to exploit enough of his fellows for the surplus to make the trip.

For the sake of hemisphere solidarity and good will, if for no other reason, a new name should be officially coined for U. S. citizens. It can't be "Yankee" for too many in the South are still fighting the Civil War. "Yoesser" sounds a little insane. Maybe "Columbians" after Miss Columbia. Maybe "Samuels" after Uncle Sam. We don't know. But of one thing we are certain—we shouldn't continue the monopoly.

THE FERMENT IN ASIA

Unless you follow such things, perhaps you don't know that one day last March a very important meeting was held in Delhi, India. Officially it was known as the Asian Relations Conference. There were 300 delegates representing nearly every Asiatic country or region. It was called by Jawaharlal Nehru. In his main address to the conference he said:

"For too long we of Asia have been petitioners in Western courts and chancelleries. That story must now belong to the past. We propose to stand on our own feet and to co-operate with all others who are prepared to co-operate with us. We do not intend to be playthings of others."

Western powers that have been cocks of the walk for these many centuries will do well to pay heed. The Graphics Institute points out that at the recent Moscow Conference the foreign ministers concerned represented about 425 million people, but the inter-Asia conference represented over a billion. Asiatics are waking up and they are tired of being exploited and pushed around. Other nations that want to get along with them had better forsake all imperialistic designs and, as Nehru warned, "co-operate."

A HERO IS WELCOMED

That fascism in various spots in the world is still very much alive and kicking is shown by the fact that Vittorio Mussolini, son of the dead dictator, is in Argentina. He made a speech eulogizing his father at a mass meeting of enthusiastic Italians and Argentines, and is generally being well received by the "best people" down there. Vittorio, you know, dropped bombs on helpless Ethiopians and bragged about blowing helpless civilians to bits. Well, anyway we're gonna save Turkey!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

There's the one about a lady who advertised for a butler who was 5 feet 8 inches tall, 38 waist, and who could wear trousers 32 inches in length. Smith, seeing the ad, found his physical make-up qualified him for the job. He applied, and the lady informed him that it was necessary that he should fit the above specifications. Her previous butler had passed away and it was decided to hire a man who could wear his clothes. She proceeded to measure the applicant and found him O. K.

"But," she said, "we have another suit that our butler must wear, and in order that I may be assured that you can wear this suit it will be necessary for you to show me your ankle."

The applicant complied, and being satisfied that the ankle was just right, she asked him to raise his pants leg for a glance at his knee which, on inspection, was found to be to her satisfaction. Then she said:

"Now, please, show me your testimonials."

Not long after the man left and was heard to mutter to himself: "If I'd had a better education I think I would have gotten that job."

JUST LINGERING UP

The boss of a midtown hotel noticed some employees parading out in front during their lunch hour.

"What're you guys picketing for?" moaned the boss. "Our contract has three weeks to run."

"Does it hurt you?" flipped a picket, "if we practice?"

NO FANCY TRIMMINGS

Nelson Antrim Crawford tells of meeting a farmer in Kansas who said:

"That sure is a great school. It's practical. They don't teach no goddam grammar there."

THESE MODERN HOMES

The manager of the building firm stared in amazement at the scene of desolation. "Whatever's happened?" he asked his foreman.

The foreman scratched his head in perplexity.

"As soon as we started to take the scaffolding away the whole building collapsed," he explained. "You idiot," snapped the manager. "Didn't I tell you not to touch the scaffolding until the wall paper was up?"

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

"Take the parrot outside, honey," mother said to her daughter. "Your father will be back from the ball game soon, and his favorite team has just taken a good licking."

THE RIGHT JOINT

"Did 'oo fordet your wench?" the cutie lisped to the plumber who was fooling around beneath the sink.

"No, baby," he replied. "I'll get around to you in a few minutes."

GUESS RIGHT, BUB!

The Browns had recently moved from a large city to a small town in the same state. Anxious to take part in the coming election, Mr. Brown inquired of the village clerk:

"How long must a man reside in this town before he can vote?"

"What ticket?" asked the village clerk.

THE CROWNING INSULT

They tell about a dentist who, after long and futile efforts to collect a bill for false teeth he had made for a patient, finally took the matter to court. Facing the judge as one whose exasperation had reached its height, the dentist exclaimed:

"Not only did the patient refuse to pay me, your Honor, but he had the effrontery to gnash at me with my teeth!"

Month's Strike Wins Building Trade Increase

Denver, Colo.

Home and commercial construction was resumed here recently after a month's tie-up as AFL building trades unions won wage increases ranging from 15c to 35c an hour.

Unions working directly for contractors settled for a 17½c hourly boost. Electricians and painters won 15c increases and plasterers and lathers settled for 35c in separate agreements. Although still bargaining for an increase, the bricklayers, cement finishers, glaziers, linoleum layers and tile and marble setters joined in the return to work.

The tie-up began a week after the unions' contracts with the builders expired April 1. Some unions adopted resolutions that their members would not work for employers who had not signed new agreements and the contractors countered by closing down their jobs.

Union leaders said that at no time was more than one-third of the industry shut down. Agreements reached with independent contractors, they said, kept a major part of the industry rolling.



"I thing," said Mr. Dilworth, "that the parents of this town should set up a loyalty commission to investigate the members of your Ragamuffins & Child Delinquents Union."

"The name," said Little Luther, "is the Errend Boys & Mania's Little Helpers Union, but I suppose you can't be blamed for the bias—all you know is what you read in the Evening Bugle, God help you."

"I know what I know," said Mr. Dilworth, darkly.

"Well, with that as a starter, they'll let you into nursery school next fall, maybe, if you bone up during the summer," Little Luther consoled him. "But I'm interested in this loyalty test business. How would it affect me?"

"I'm not sure," Mr. Dilworth admitted, "but I know darn well it would break up that union of yours."

"How could that be?" Little Luther demanded.

"I can't rightly say how it would work out, son, but let's be reasonable; if it won't break up the union, why should we have the commission in the first place? You don't think the parents of this town would spend 25 million—I mean 25 dollars—if they weren't sure it would put you little upstarts in your place, do you?"

"I don't know," confessed Little Luther, "but I do know the union would spend 25 dollars on a sanity commission if it would guarantee to put you in the place you belong."

"Luther" shrieked Mr. Dilworth.

"Going, father," announced Little Luther as he vaulted the fence.



By HAROLD I. SALEMSON
Hollywood, Calif.

A move is afoot, without any cogent explanation, by so-called independent exhibitors in Ohio, to enforce a ban on Monsieur Verdoux and all other Charles Chaplin pictures. The press has generally been tough on Charlie's latest.

Despite inspired reports of the lack of business being done by Verdoux, Chaplin has just turned down a \$1 million offer by an independent exhibitor for the reissue of Modern Times and City Lights. He has also seen to it that Justice is done, by adding to the main title of Verdoux "Based on an idea by Orson Welles."

Hollywood Blues: Consumers' Union, in its first poll of subscribers' tastes in films, lists two British pix ahead of the best from here. Only Henry V was judged 100 per cent excellent. Brief Encounter polled 91 per cent; and The Best Years of Our Lives led the U. S. product, with 90 per cent.

United Productions (documentaries and educational) will use the new Anso Color process in its German version of Brotherhood of Man (the swagman cartoon made from the UAW pamphlet Races of Mankind), now being made for the civil affairs division of the War Dept. for distribution in German commercial motion picture houses.

Building the West

Weekly summary of public construction projects in the West:

Santa Barbara highway, \$977,917. N. M. Ball Sons. Freeway pave and RC bridge.

Fresno highway, \$206,530. A. Teichert & Son, 8 mi. Reed ave. \$1,431,227. Basich Bros., 13 mi. between El Centro and Brawley.

Shastavou underpass, \$319,307. Ted F. Bain, Fresno, bridge over Cottonwood creek, S. P. underpass, N. of Hombrook.

Hollywood parkway, \$1,227,321. Low bid, Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., between Vineland and Barham. Bids rejected. Low bid, A. Teichert, \$348,420, additions to Gibraltar Dam.

Pasadena laboratory, \$227,042. Low bid, Humiston-Rosendahl, LA, install air cooling, drying equip. at Cal. Tech. jet propulsion lab.

Hollywood water line, \$219,882. Low bid, United Concrete Pipe Corp., 58" corr. pipe for Hollywood inlet line.

Glendale freeway, \$477,300. Low bid, Robert E. McKee, West LA, music bldg. at Glendale J. C.

Fresno bridge, \$253,917. Chas. MacCloskey, SF., 2 steel beam bridges over S. J. river at Fairbault.

Idaho highway, \$912,671. Low bid, J. A. Fertling, Boise, 6 mi. near Dannelly.

Loyokern Navy station, \$1,485,000. Hadcock Engineers Ltd., Montebello, Nevad Ordnance test sta., bldgs., roads, sewer, water, electrical system.

S. Dakota channel, \$771,418. Low bid, Peter Kiewit Sons, Omaha, Fall River channel, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Pasadena wind tunnel, \$244,910. Low bid, Otco Const. Co., Long Beach, air piping, valves, equip., jet propulsion lab. at Cal. Tech.

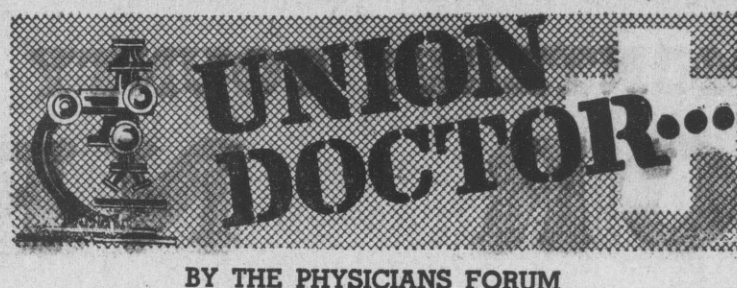
Valley schools, hospital, \$1,906,000. Bonds voted. Dinuba hosp., \$250,000. School bonds, Jackson, \$80,000. Fresno \$135,000. Lodi, \$180,000. Merced, \$300,000. Weaver, \$150,000. Livingston, \$135,000. Winton, \$85,000. Pison, \$100,000.

Washington bridge, \$1,049,273. Low bid, Manson Const. Co., Seattle, 3 rr and 2 highway bridges over Puyallup river at Tacoma.

Los Angeles highway, \$1,469,363. Low bid, Winton Bros. L. J. 3 mi. nr. Canoga.

Washington dam, \$364,855. Low bid, General Const. Co., Seattle, penstocks, etc. Mud Mountain Dam.

Oregon highway, \$421,588. Low bid, Warren Northwest, Inc., Clackamas co.



BY THE PHYSICIANS FORUM

Through long and sometimes bitter years of struggle, American workers have come to realize that in union there is strength. Through organized efforts, in which the single worker found a powerful group voice, the unions have brought about better wages, social security benefits, improved job conditions and, thereby, improvements in the American standard of living.

In a very direct way, then, the unions have contributed to the health of workers and their families because health is purchasable. The amount of illness in a family decreases when the income of that family rises. By achieving bigger pay checks, safer and more sanitary working conditions and some assurance of regular employment, the forces of organized labor have done more for the health of the nation than is usually realized.

Today the unions are fighting an all-out battle for their very existence as free and effective agents. And the Taft-dominated Congress, in its efforts to smash unions, is striking directly at the health of all workers. It is just a bit unconvincing, then, to see a Taft so-called health bill in the legislative hopper.

HEALTH AND WAGES

Good health depends upon decent wages in two fundamental ways. In the first place, under the current system of health care in the U. S., the family of the sick person must have enough ready cash to pay for the costly services of modern medicine, just at the time when the illness may have shut off the family income.

Studies have shown that the poorest families get the least medical service, although they have the greatest burden of illness. The National Health Survey in 1936

revealed that families with annual incomes under \$1,000 had 40 per cent more general illness and 75 percent more chronic illness than those whose incomes were \$2,000 a year or more. Illness not only occurred more often but was also more serious and lasted longer in the lower income groups.

WHAT POVERTY MEANS

In the face of this burden of ill-health, the families with less than \$1,000 income were able to spend an average of only \$40 a year for medical care, while the richest families spent an average of no less than \$800 a year.

As income rises the ability to build good health increases, and as income rises the ability to get good medical care when illness does strike also increases. The fact must be faced by every worker, as well as by the union-wreckers, the price-raisers and the anti-housing bloc, that the nation's health depends on the income of its working families. And workers know that their union strength is the protector of their family budgets.

Let's all shed a tear for Patient Peter. He decided to hold his breath until sole American politician followed the example of Havana's mayor, who committed suicide because he couldn't keep a campaign pledge.

Machinists Vote On Affiliation Known in July

Washington, D. C.

A final tabulation in mid-July will determine whether the Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated) will or will not return to the AFL.

Members of the IAM will vote during June whether to go back to the AFL or take the advice of Pres. Harvey W. Brown and remain independent.

Brown, in an article in the current issue of the Machinists Monthly Journal, charged that "at this juncture the AFL executive council is resorting to a familiar theme. The council alleges that more would be accomplished if the machinists were within the 'house of labor.' This is, however, nothing more or less than the device that enticed us back to the AFL in 1943."

The IAM's 600,000 members are given the question of re-affiliation with the AFL by their executive council without recommendation other than from Brown. The council said it believed this question represented the "final offer" from the AFL.

Involved in the clash between the IAM and the AFL is the disposition of certain work between the IAM and the Intl. Bro. of Carpenters. The Machinists have claimed the right to build, assemble, construct, dismantle or repair machinery wherever it is used. Brown has contended that the 1914 convention gave the IAM this right, affirmed in 1938, but that Pres. William Hutchison of the carpenters coerced the AFL executive council, of which he is a key member, into nullifying these convention decisions.

I always use the right voice for telling risqué jokes—gutteral.—GROUCHO MARX.

Oakland Clerks Strike Ends as Parleys Set to Discuss Scales

Oakland, Calif.

A 7-month strike against the Kahn and Hastings department stores was settled here as AFL retail clerks won bargaining rights for all 27 stores in the traditionally open shop Oakland Retail Merchants Assn.

The 400 Kahn and Hastings strikers will go back to work without discrimination or loss of seniority and with maintenance of membership, main issue in the long dispute. A master contract covering 5,000 employees in all 27 association stores will cover the settlement terms and will run for one year. Local 1265, Retail Clerks Intl. Assn., is recognized as sole bargaining agent for all association stores.

Other provisions in the interim agreement assure the clerks' one of the best contracts in the department store field, Intl. Sec. James Suffridge said. The wage issue will be negotiated shortly and increases will be retroactive to May 9.

The strike, forced on the union when the employers began an open campaign of firing and intimidating union members, brought the clerks widespread support from both the AFL and CIO. High point in the dispute was a 2-day sympathy strike by all AFL unions in the area last December to protest police picketing of scabs through the clerks' picket lines.

Modern Mother Goose

Congress, Congress shave a tax
How many bucks will we get back?
Naught plus nothing, money's low,
Give big business some tax-free dough.

STATEMENT OF POLICY OF

J.B. MCGINLEY

"If elected, I will do all in my power to:

"1. Build an underpass on Alisal Street. This should be a joint project with the Alisal District.

"2. Offer Alisal and other non-incorporated adjoining areas the opportunity to join us in building a bigger and better Salinas, and on a basis of fair representation on the Council.

"3. Maintain maximum employment opportunities for those who work for a living. This means to encourage new industry to come here; to endeavor to use our present plants to the best advantage; to plan public works for periods of minimum private employment; to co-operate with civic organizations and other governmental agencies to the end that our payrolls are stable and that our citizens are not dependent upon public assistance or private charity."

"4. Encourage the building of more

homes for all our people. This is a job for private enterprise.

"5. Use the U.S.O. building for the purpose it was originally built: as a meeting place for ex-servicemen at a rent that is fair and covers maintenance cost only. After our obligation to the veteran is fulfilled, I favor its use by non-profit organizations whose only objective is community betterment and for recreational purposes for all our citizens, especially our youth.

"6. Give adequate attention to public health, juvenile delinquency—public morals and other social problems that cost our taxpayers money and detract from good citizenship.

"7. Work for a street system that meets all our needs, and insist on planning for the future of Salinas on a long term basis, rather than day-to-day.

"I believe that what is good for greater Salinas is good for business, labor and the majority of the people.

"I believe the people are entitled to know what its city government is doing and hopes to do. It is their city, not mine and after all a councilman is a servant of the people.

"I am pledged to honesty and frankness with the people. No secret deals or special privilege for any group or class.

"I do not believe a city's function is to make money. I believe it should and must spend the taxpayers money wisely and prudently.

"I believe in, and unalterably pledge myself if elected, to work with any person or group which will expedite the growth and increase the economic wealth, and further the well-being of our City. I am for progress—orderly—sensible—well planned—needed progress.

"I am entering this campaign as a citizen who sees needed change. I have no ax to grind or anything to sell."

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CLERKS VOTE FULL RIGHTS FOR NEGROES

Cincinnati, Ohio
Full and equal membership
rights were extended to Negroes
by delegates to the Bro. of Rail-
way Clerks (AFL) convention here
ina 1,000 to 35 vote.

The action followed a 2-hour de-
bate in which union officials point-
ed out that the railway clerks was
one of the few remaining AFL
unions that still had discrimina-
tory provisions in its constitution.

In an attempt to mollify south-
ern delegates, Pres. George Harrison
said: "We are not trying to
set up social equality, we are trying
to establish economic equal-
ity."

J. B. Jesse, chairman of a special
54-man committee assigned to
study the problem, explained that
if the union insisted on depriving
Negroes of equal membership
rights, it would be unable to op-
erate in New York state because
of an anti-discrimination law there.

"We have to do this in our own
way or have it done for us," Jesse
said. "We didn't seek it. It sought
us. We can't solve it by running
away from it."

The resolution finally adopted
approved a change in the constitu-
tion removing the word "white"
wherever it abrogated the full
rights of members of any race.
Affected by the decision are some
23,000 Negroes who have been
segregated in auxiliary locals and
deprived of a voice in union af-
fairs. They will now have the
right of full participation in union
activities and may send delegates
to the international conventions.

Truck Registrations in California Show Growth

California had a total registra-
tion of 431,419 trucks in 1946, plac-
ing it among the top ten states of
the nation in the use of commer-
cial vehicles, it is disclosed in the
1947 edition of the Automobile
Manufacturers' Association's MO-
TOR TRUCK FACTS.

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Several hundred of our members
have called at the Union office for
their insurance certificates and in
some cases correction in benefi-
ciaries and changes of addresses
were noted. We have, however, a
number of policies in the office
and we would appreciate your call-
ing at the Union office in Salinas
for them and if in Watsonville at
the Watsonville office on Mondays,
Wednesdays or Fridays. These cer-
tificates assure all of our members
in good standing a group life insur-
ance, the cost of which would be
prohibitive if taken out individ-
ually. All of our members, regard-
less of age, are covered under a
master blanket policy with the
Union by the West Coast Life In-
surance Company of California for

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IMPORTANT: To all of our members—All of our agreements
have clauses written in them which requires that all employers
shall notify you prior to the starting of any processing season
to come to work in the order of seniority, which means that in
cases such as the seed houses, the canneries, Dempsey-Hudson,
Spiegel Foods, that they notify you to give you an opportunity
to take the job before any new help is hired. All of these plants
which I mentioned in this column, with the exception of Spiegel
Foods are subject to reopening during the month of June or July.

Your Union suggests in the mean-
time you register with the Union
office for any employment that
may be available.

It is also important that you pay
your dues at the Union office when-
ever possible, so that the Business
Agent may devote all of his time
to taking care of grievances and to
organize. For any of our members
who live out of town our Union
has self-addressed envelopes for
this purpose, many of our members
who are not able to come to the
office have been paying their dues
by mail. In many cases dues are
paid quarterly and in that manner
their good standing with the Union
is assured.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS
Your Union offices both in Sa-
linas and Watsonville will observe
Decoration Day by being closed all
day Friday and Saturday, May 30
and 31.

Remember to pay your dues on
time. A delinquent member isn't
entitled to benefits from this union.

Patronize Union Services and
remember to register to vote! This
can be done at the Union office.

The following is our veterans
column for this week:
TO ALL VETERAN MEMBERS
Aside from this column which is
written by your Union once each
week, a booklet printed by the
American Federation of Labor has
been made available. This booklet
contains information with regards
to veterans welfare and can be
procured at the Union office.

California, with 1,224,000 veter-
ans of all wars, has the third
largest veteran population among
the 48 states, the Veterans Admin-
istration reported today.
New York state is first with
1,870,000 veterans and Pennsylvania
second with 1,391,000.
The total veteran population of
the United States is 18,188,000. Of
this number, 14,267,000 served in
World War II and the remainder,
3,921,000, in the four prior wars
and in the peacetime forces.

The Washington, D. C., office of
the Veterans Administration esti-
mates there are 890,000 veterans
of World War II in California and
334,000 veterans of other wars.
The Branch 12 area of VA, with
headquarters in San Francisco, in-
cludes California, Arizona, Nevada
and Hawaii. The total veteran
population of the area is 1,359,000.
Arizona has 78,000, Nevada 25,000
and Hawaii 32,000.

DEDICATE NURSERY
The Ethel M. Flynn memorial
nursery for the children of veteran
patients at the Livermore Veterans
Administration hospital will be
dedicated by officials of the Cali-
fornia Department, American Leg-
ion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Flynn died January 28, 1946,
on a transcontinental train while
returning to California from a trip
to Indianapolis, Ind., and Washing-
ton, D. C.

Funds for the memorial nursery
were donated by units of the aux-
iliary throughout the state.

LAPSED INSURANCE
Nearly 40,000 veterans of World
War II in California, Arizona, Ne-
vada and Hawaii have reinstated
lapsed National Service Life Insur-
ance policies with a total value of
\$267,124,500, the Veterans Admin-
istration reported today.

There are now approximately
300,000 veterans of World War II
in the three states and Hawaii who
are carrying G.I. insurance. Approx-
imately 1,000,000 veterans in the
same area have allowed their in-
surance to lapse.

HELP FOR DEAF VETS
Facilities for the rehabilitation
and readjustment of veterans who
lost their hearing in the service
have recently been expanded by
the San Francisco Regional office
of the Veterans Administration.

There are approximately 1200
hard-of-hearing veterans in North-
ern California whose disabilities
were incurred in the service.

Every effort is made by the VA
Special Rehabilitation Procedures
Unit, Education and Training sec-
tion, to aid the hard-of-hearing vet-
eran in his adjustment to a normal
business and social life.
Veterans whose hearing is only
partially impaired are equipped
with special hearing aids. A special
study is made of the veteran's
case history, background, education
and experience in order to help
place him in a job that will not
irritate or aggravate his disability
and where his disability will not be
a hindrance.

For those veterans who are to

MINUTES Central Labor Council MAY 20, 1947

The meeting was called to order
by President McCutcheon.
The roll call showed the presence
of six delegates from five locals.
Regular officers present were Pres-
ident McCutcheon and Secretary-
Treasurer Edwards.

The minutes of the previous
meeting were read and approved
as read.

The picture of former president
of the Council, Bud Tothammer,
who was killed in the war, was de-
livered. It was moved, seconded,
and passed that the bill for same,
\$9.73 be paid.

At the request of the Alameda
County Central Labor Council, it
was moved, seconded, and passed
that the SUNSHINE BISCUIT
COMPANY be placed on the "WE
DON'T PATRONIZE" list of this
Council.

Various communications were
presented and considered.
The Bartenders reported that
they had had a picnic at Big Sur
on the day of the school election.
Everybody had a good time.

The Butchers reported no meet-
ing since last report.

The Cannery Workers reported
several canneries working on an-
chovies and small sardines. The
summer pack has been fairly good.
The Carpenters reported a good
meeting.

General discussion followed the
reports of delegates. One delegate
expressed the opinion that the dan-
ger from communism was not from
Russia but from the abuses of capi-
talism within our own country.

The financial report was read
and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Sec.-Treas.

Finn-Canadian Paper Cartel Will Be Probed

Washington, D. C.
A federal grand jury meeting in
New York City has been asked to
investigate charges that a Cana-
dian-Finnish newspaper cartel is
deliberately "seeking to starve the
American press of necessary news-
print to make it pay higher prices."

Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.)
made the original charge on the
basis of document he will offer the
grand jury. He said it showed the
workings of a cartel for the "ex-
ploitation of the American public."

Maybe the cow jumped over the
moon, but present pork chop
prices indicate that the pig jumped
over the cow—St. Louis Union
Labor Advocate.

tally deafened and hearing aids
are of little or no use, the VA has
made arrangements for special lip-
reading and voice correction
classes.

Hard-of-hearing veterans may
take lip-reading lessons from the
American Society for the Hard of
Hearing, and the speech correction
course is conducted by the North-
ern Section of the California So-
ciety for the Study of Speech
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Hotel Workers Given Million Dollars in Insurance Benefits

New York City
Union hotel workers and their
families received more than a mil-
lion dollars in insurance and hos-
pital benefits in the past two
years, the second annual report of
the New York Hotel Trades Coun-
cil (AFL) Hotel Assn. Insurance
Fund disclosed.

Exact amount paid out was \$1-
056,041.48. The plan, financed by
hotel employers through a 3 per-
cent levy on their weekly payrolls,
went into effect March 1, 1945.
Total number of persons to whom
benefits were paid was 6,431. Dur-
ing the second year, the highest
number of disability claims in any
one category—660—was paid to
maids.

Railroads Took Uncle Samuel to Cleaners, Said

Washington, D. C.
The government has hit the rail-
roads for their wartime activities
again, this time for having over-
charged Uncle Sam for transport-
ing aluminum alloy landing mats
being rushed to port for overseas
shipment to the Army Air Forces' far-flung fields.

Announcing the filing of a Jus-
tice Department complaint with
the Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion, Atty. Gen. Tom Clark said
the railroads are accused of ap-
plying "unjust and unreasonable
charges" for transporting hundreds
of carloads of the airplane land-
ing mats during 1944, 1945 and
1946.

Steel mats had been rated at
about 25 percent of the first class
charge, the complaint said, where-
as the carriers charged about 55
percent of the first class rate for
the aluminum alloy mats.

Asst. Atty. Gen. John F. Son-
nett, newly in charge of the anti-
trust division, said: "We are con-
tinuing our investigation into the
charges made by the railroads for
handling government wartime
freight, adhering to the policy of
seeking recovery for the govern-
ment whenever it appears that
the government has been treated
unfairly."

All most of us know is what we
don't read in the papers.

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AFL Committee Named to Settle Hollywood Beefs

Washington, D. C. After a 2-day conference on means to settle the 30-month old jurisdictional dispute between the stage hands and building trades unions in Hollywood, a group of 14 AFL international leaders gave the assignment to a committee of five members.

The meeting held at AFL headquarters here, decided unanimously to draft a plan to stop all jurisdictional strikes in the movie capital.

Under the outline adopted, the committee will study all phases of the jurisdictional question, analyze causes of disputes among the studio unions, draft plans for settlement of all future disputes and submit it for the approval of all national and international unions involved.

AFL Pres. William Green, who presided over the sessions, said the special committee will start work immediately. He declared it "was unanimously decided that the time has come for action which will effectively prevent any further jurisdictional disputes in the Hollywood studios. . . . I feel that a great deal of progress has been accomplished."

Named to the special committee were the following presidents: Daniel W. Tracy, Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers; Dan J. Tobin, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters; Richard F. Walsh, Intl. Alliance of Stage Employees and Moving Picture Operators; Lawrence P. Lindelof, Bro. of Painters and Decorators; and Paul Dullisell, Associated Actors and Artists of America.

Pres. William L. Hutcherson of the Bro. of Carpenters, whose members are involved in a dispute with the stage hands over \$5 million worth of set construction in Hollywood, did not appear at the conference.

The Good Old Days

A man entering an office (in western occupation zone, Germany) raised his hand and shouted "Heil Hitler." The office staff upbraided him.

"Why shouldn't I use the old greeting when I see all the old, familiar faces here?" he replied. —NEUES DEUTSCHLAND.

The Spreading Disease

A six-year-old was taken to church for the first time. After she returned home her uncle asked her how she liked church. She answered: "I liked the music okay but the commercial was too long."

For what, if not to make peace among men, are all the advances of science?—JOSE MARTI, Cuban patriot.

Commerce Body Says Pay Boosts Can Only Hike Cost of Living

Washington, D. C. Raising wages to meet "increases in living costs will only accelerate the advance of the cost of living," while "keeping a ceiling over profits would remove the incentive and destroy the means of financing" giant business projects.

That, in brief, is what the Chicago Assn. of Commerce and Industry says in 54 pages of an "Analysis of the Nathan Report" released here. The Nathan report called for higher wages coupled with price and profit control.

How to Settle Labor Problem: Can the Worker

Atlantic City, N. J. Board Chairman Robert N. Watson of the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers calmly advised a manufacturers convention here that one of the ways to assure continued profits is to "reduce your organization if possible."

Calling in passing for a reduction in prices, Watson warmly assured his audience that "we are not working our way toward a depression—we are working our way out into a fully competitive market."

If the U. S. should happen to run into a depression, he said, it will only be because the government is backing labor's campaign for higher wages, is supporting agricultural subsidies and high taxes.

Sharing the spotlight with Watson was Dexter M. Keezer, director of the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.'s economics department. Concurring in Watson's optimism, Keezer said the nation is at present enjoying a boom in non-durable goods which should end this year, to be followed by a boom in durable goods.

Between the two booms, he said offhandedly, "I would not be surprised to see . . . temporary unemployment of several million."

Really Got Action!

The president of a concern thought he would pep up his office staff a bit. So he bought some signs reading: "Do It Now" and tacked one in a conspicuous place in each office. In a couple of weeks his cashier had absconded with a big load of cash, the office boy had married the big-shot's secretary, the chief clerk had left his wife and ran off with a girl car-hop, the president's own son had eloped with a circus acrobat, the switchboard operator had sued the president for breach-of-promise and the auditor had beaten the vice president to a pulp.

Pacific War Story Told

A detailed and exciting history of war operations in the Pacific area against the Japanese is made available to the reader in "BATTLE REPORT, Pacific War: Middle Phase," (Rinehart & Co., 232 Madison Ave., New York, \$5.)

This book, prepared from official sources by Captain Walter Karig and Commander Eric Purdon of the U. S. Navy, is the third in the Battle Report series issued by Rinehart and maintains the excellent standard set by the others. It is not only highly readable but will be considered an important reference book for future historians.

The account starts with the decisive Coral Sea battle and records naval operations against the Japanese up to and including the action at Empress Augusta Bay. Those who served in the Navy during this exciting period will find the Karig-Purdon report a vivid reminder of their own experiences. Midway, Solomon Islands, Savo, Makin (with Carlson's Raiders), Santa Cruz Islands, Guadalcanal—all these were prominent in screaming headlines at the time. Part III of the book is devoted to action in the Aleutians, and covers operations at Dutch Harbor, Amchitka, the Komandorskis, Attu and Kiska.

Excellent maps and some 80 full pages of superb photographs make this account unbeatable. It is difficult to imagine a better report of operations in that period being written, and for sheer thrills it has no fiction work backed off the boards.—A.E.S.

Off the Beam

An English colonel was retired from service after serving many years in India. Back in London, in mufti, he meets his batman (orderly) while strolling through Piccadilly. After greetings have been exchanged the colonel is surprised to learn that the batman has also been discharged from the army, and offers him a job as valet. The colonel explains that it is just the same as in the army. "You take care of me just as you did as a batman." The colonel's persuasion gets results, he makes a deal with the batman, gives him the keys to his home, and instructs the batman to awaken him at seven the next morning. Right on time to the minute, the next morning the batman walks into the colonel's bedroom, shakes him and says:

"Get up, sir, it's 7 o'clock." Then he reaches over, hits the colonel's wife on the lower extremities and hollers, "All right wench, back to the village." —JACK HALEY, in Variety.

Says Recent Elections Indicate People Are Fed Up With Congress

Washington, D. C. Hailing the results of recent municipal elections in New Jersey, Minnesota and California where labor-supported candidates were elected, PAC Director Jack Kroll said they are "proof of the American people's angry opposition to the labor legislation recently passed in Congress."

Citing the activity of labor on the winners' side in Minneapolis, Oakland, Hoboken and Passaic, Kroll said the returns "show clearly that the voters do not want legislation outlawing the legitimate activities of American unions."

"The results show too," he said, "that there is a growing awareness on the part of industrial workers that the drive against labor can only be met through political action."

And Six of 'Em Actually Voted To Exterminate Union Members!

Austin, Tex. The Texas house of representatives was thrown into an uproar when one of its members introduced an amendment ordering the execution by firing squad of all union members.

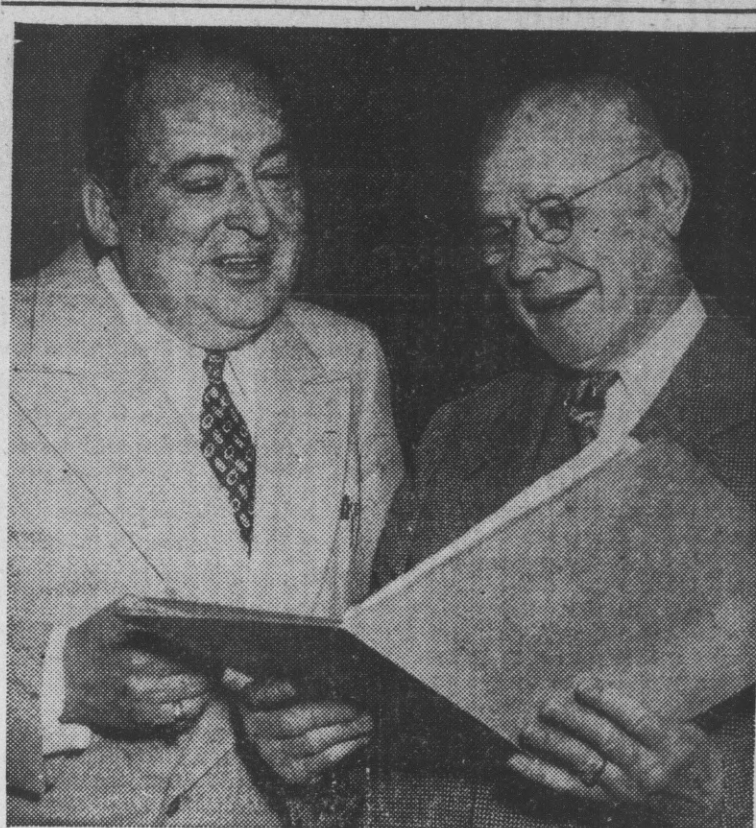
The farcical amendment, offered by Rep. Hydrick of Marshall, declared that "all labor unions are hereby abolished and their property and assets confiscated and all members lined up against a rock wall and executed by firing squad and their families sent to concentration camps."

Hydrick tackled the proposal onto a bill outlawing sympathy strikes as a symbol of what this violently anti-union session of the Texas legislature really has in mind. Eight legislators actually voted for the amendment, but 63 voted it down. The legislators then worked themselves into an acute case of parliamentary jitters over how to erase the hoax proceedings from the records. On the advice of the parliamentarian, a quorum was rounded up and the amendment was withdrawn.

State Cannery Council Accepts New Contract

San Francisco, Calif. The new contract between the State Council of Cannery Workers and the California Processors and Growers, providing for 11½¢ to 16½¢ hourly raises, was accepted by the council here by a 4,494 to 1,695 vote. San Jose and Sunnyvale rejected the contract but it will nevertheless cover 60,000 northern California workers.

Discuss Movie Strikes



An executive board member of the Screen Actors Guild (AFL), Edward Arnold, who plays those suave roles on the screen, isn't acting in this picture as he chats with AFL President William Green about jurisdictional strikes in the movie industry. After a two-day conference between stage hands and building trades union representatives a committee was assigned to draft a plan to end Hollywood's jurisdictional disputes. (Federated Pictures)



By MARTY SOLOW Hoover Dam. That's the new name for America's world-famous Boulder Dam. And when Congress recently okayed this change, newspapers applauded and said it was about time. They claimed that Boulder Dam should have been rightfully named Hoover Dam all along.

Here's the story: The bill for Boulder Dam was proposed and shepherded through Congress by California's Sen. Hiram W. Johnson in 1926. It was signed by Pres. Coolidge—and was called Boulder Dam. A movement under Pres. Hoover to change the name to Hoover Dam never got any place.

The project was built by the Interior Dept. and completed by the Roosevelt administration. Furthermore, Hoover has been a life-long opponent of this type of public power project.

However, people say that the switch is OK since Dam and Hoover seem to go well together!

THAT 'FREE PRESS'

Any time a congressman is pro-labor you can be sure the press will "give him the business." That's what United Press correspondent Lyle C. Wilson did on April 21 when he wrote: "Sen. Claude Pepper showed up today as a contributing columnist to a weekly newspaper which has most of the markings of a Communist-front publication."

A simple telephone call to the senator's office in Washington could have given the UP correspondent this information: The column is distributed free by Pepper's office to a total of 245 newspapers, 32 radio stations and over 100 individuals.

UP was forced to apologize for the smear—but the apologies received little space as compared with the original story.

'CANNED LIES'

Canned lies. That's what newspapers throughout the country are feeding their readers on the Wagner-Murray-Dingell health bill. These canned lies appear in a series of canned editorials distributed free by a strong organized opposition to national health insurance.

The Committee for the Nation's Health (1790 Broadway, New York, N. Y.), which includes William Green, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Bishop Francis J. McConnell on its list of sponsors, has exposed some of these lies for this column.

The latest editorial, which appears intact in such papers as the Niagara Falls (N. Y.) Gazette, the Greenville (Ill.) Advocate and the West Orange (N. J.) Chronicle,

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